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the East German Ministry for Post and Telecommunications (Ministerium fuer Post- und Fernmeldewesen) is to be reorganized, and the services of the old Ministry redistributed. The reorganization program, to be initiated on 1 January 1953, is to be completed by 31 December 1953. The provisions of this draft are as follows:

1. Two Main Administrations (Hauptverwaltungen), one for the Post and one for Telecommunications, each with a State Secretary accountable to the Minister, are to be established.
2. Local area offices (Bezirksdirektionen) for Post and Telecommunications are to be established in each area (Bezirk). Under these Bezirk offices, smaller subdivisions (Kreisbetriebsaemter) will be established. With the exception of those directly subordinate to the Ministry, these Kreisbetriebsaemter are to be subordinate to the Bezirksdirektionen.
3. The Postal Savings Department (Postsparkassenamt) is to be transferred to the Ministry of Finance.
4. The Postal Checking Accounts Offices (Postscheckaemter) are to be subordinated to the Deutsche Notenbank (DNB), before 30 June 1953.
5. A Control Office (Kontrollstelle), to inspect money orders transmitted via the Postal System (Deutsche Post), is to be established.
6. The bus system operated by the Deutsche Post is to be transferred to the supervision of the East German Ministry for Traffic, Main Administration for Vehicular Traffic and Roads (Ministerium fuer Verkehr, Generaldirektion Kraftverkehr und

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Strassenwesen). Main repairs and servicing will be handled by the Traffic Ministry; minor repairs will still be taken care of by the postal system.

7. An Office for Communications Systems (Amt fuer Fernnetze) will be established to consolidate all technical telephone line services in one office. A people's-owned enterprise for Telephone Installations and Construction (VEB Fernmeldeanlagenbau), under the Ministry for Post and Telecommunications, is to be established as of 1 January 1953. This enterprise is to be patterned after the VEB Fernkabelanlagenbau, which is to be transferred from the Ministry for Machine Construction (Ministerium fuer Maschinenbau) to the Ministry for Post and Telecommunications.
8. The Post and Telecommunications Engineering Central Office (Post- und Fernmeldetechnisches Zentralamt) is to be changed into a Post and Telecommunications Engineering Institute (Post- und Fernmeldetechnisches Institut).
9. The Ministry for Post and Telecommunications will continue to work in cooperation with the State Planning Commission and the various other Ministries and State Secretariats in the execution of projects.
10. The reorganization of the Ministry for Post and Telecommunications is to be completed as of 31 December 1953.

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